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EGSIEM combination service: combination of GRACE monthly K-band solutions on normal equation level

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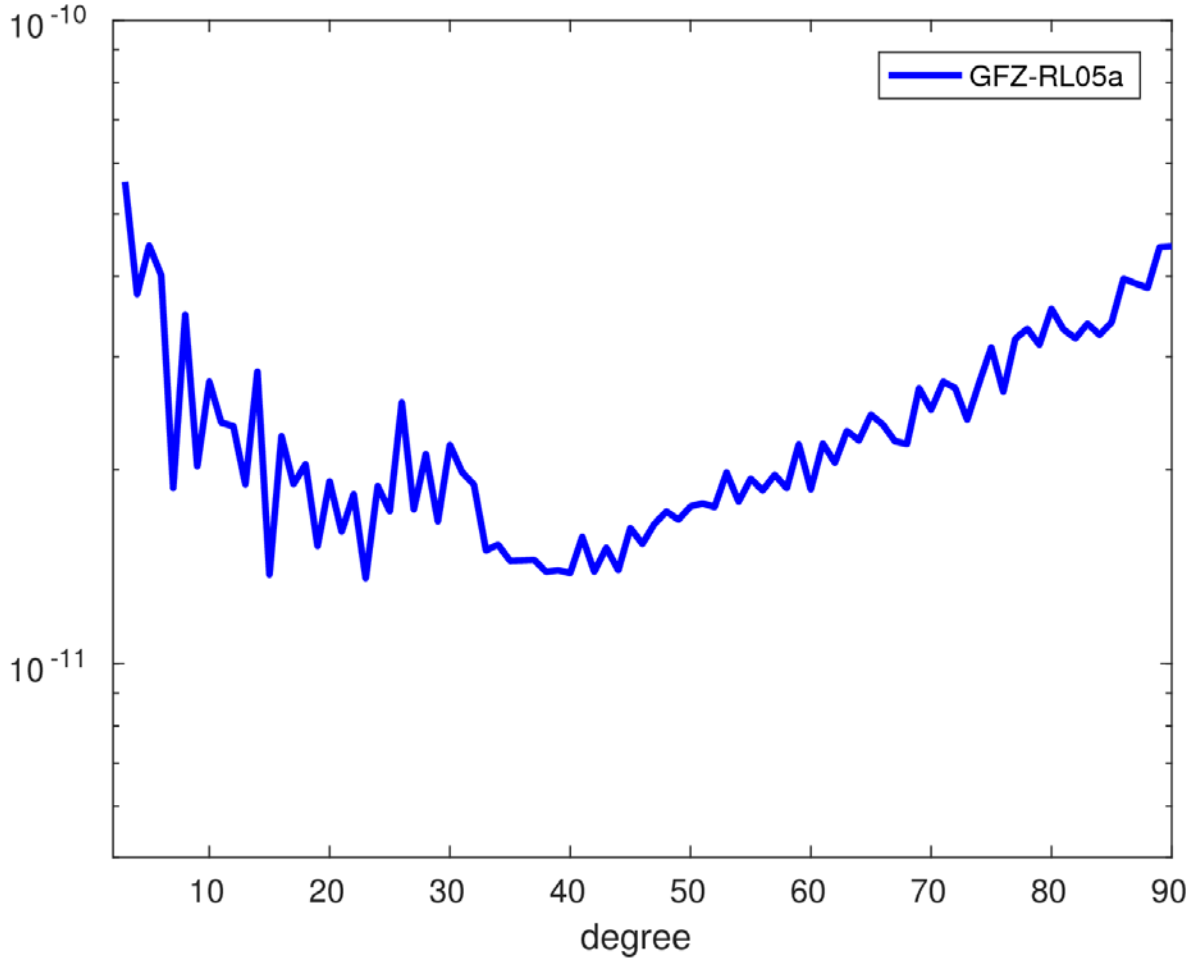

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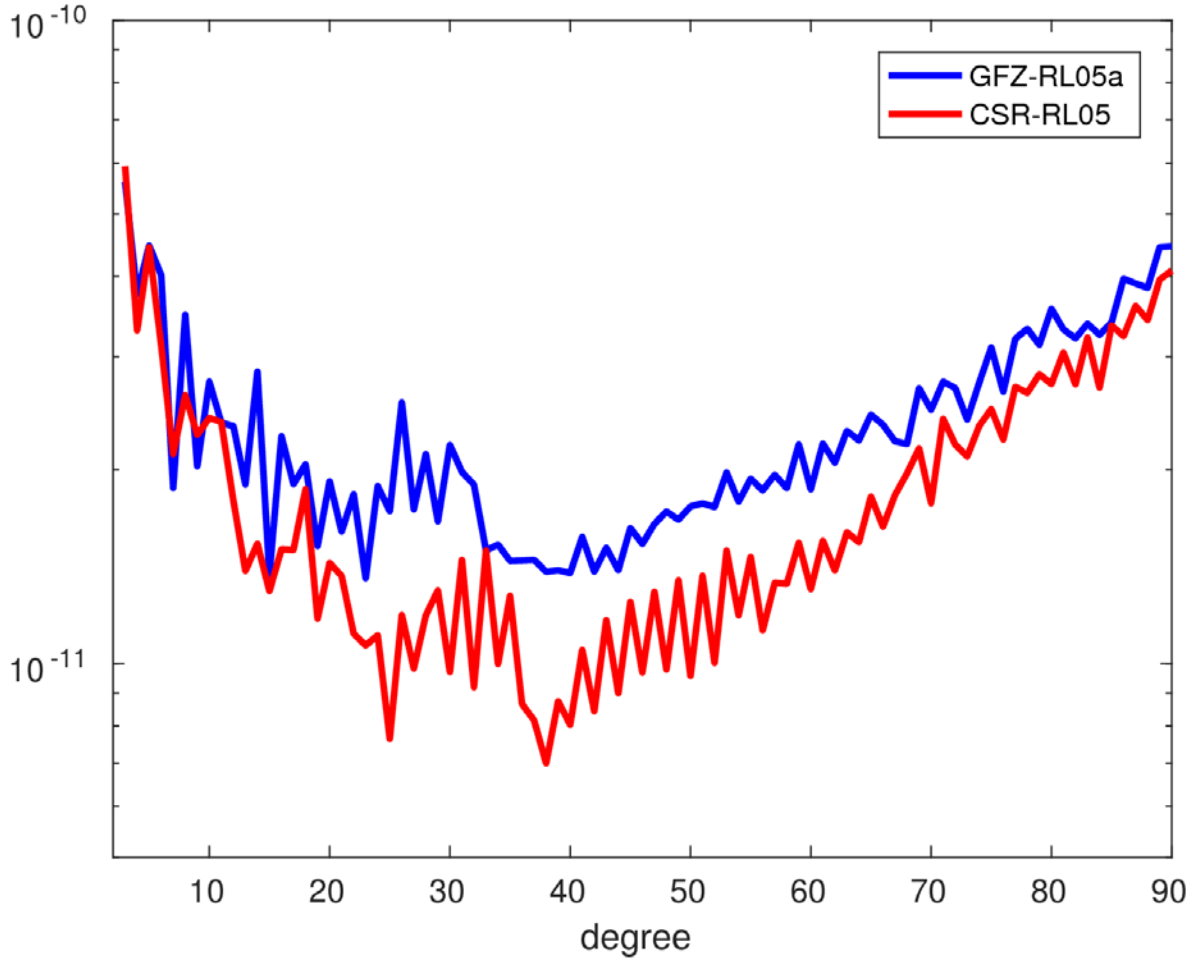

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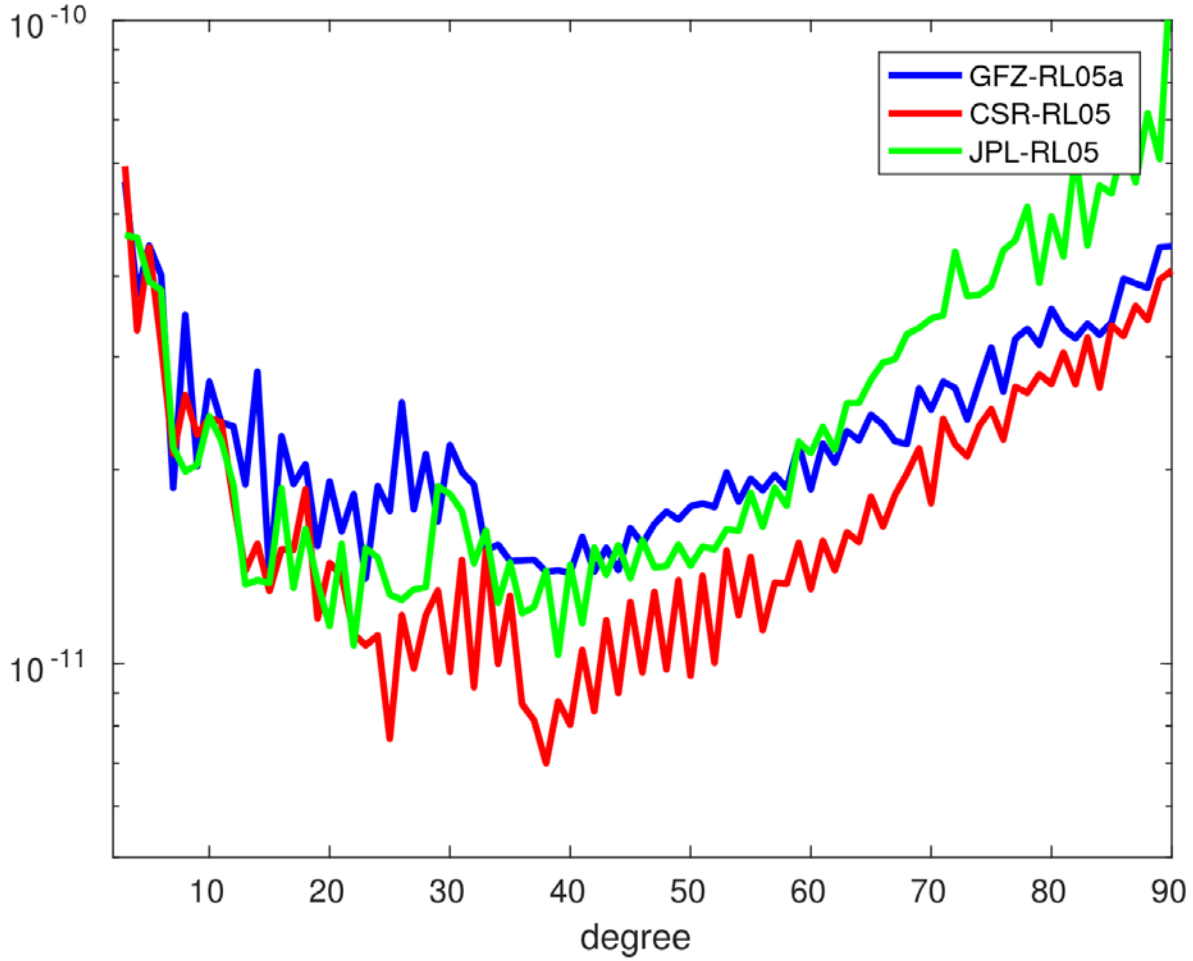

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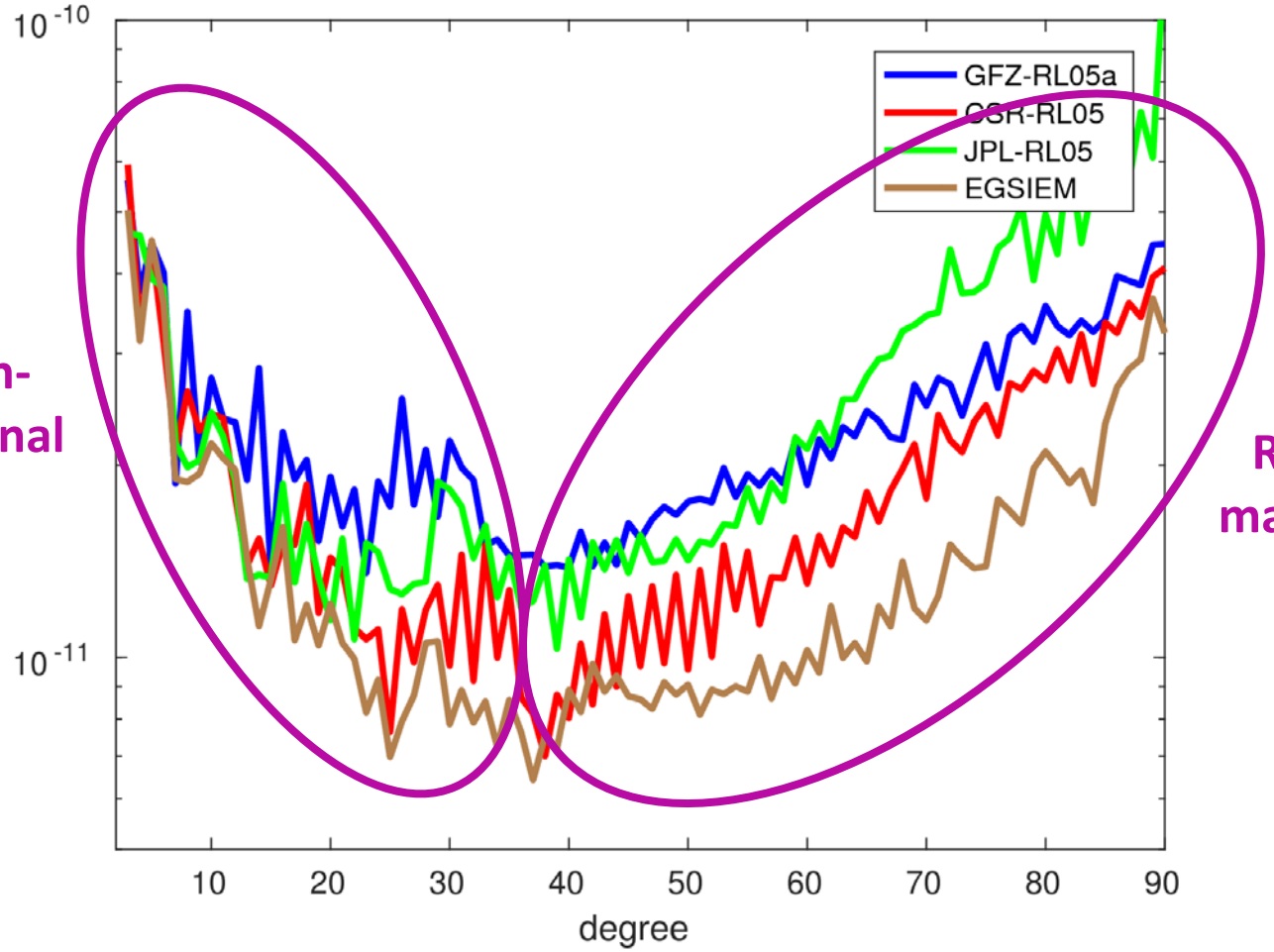

Represents mainly noise

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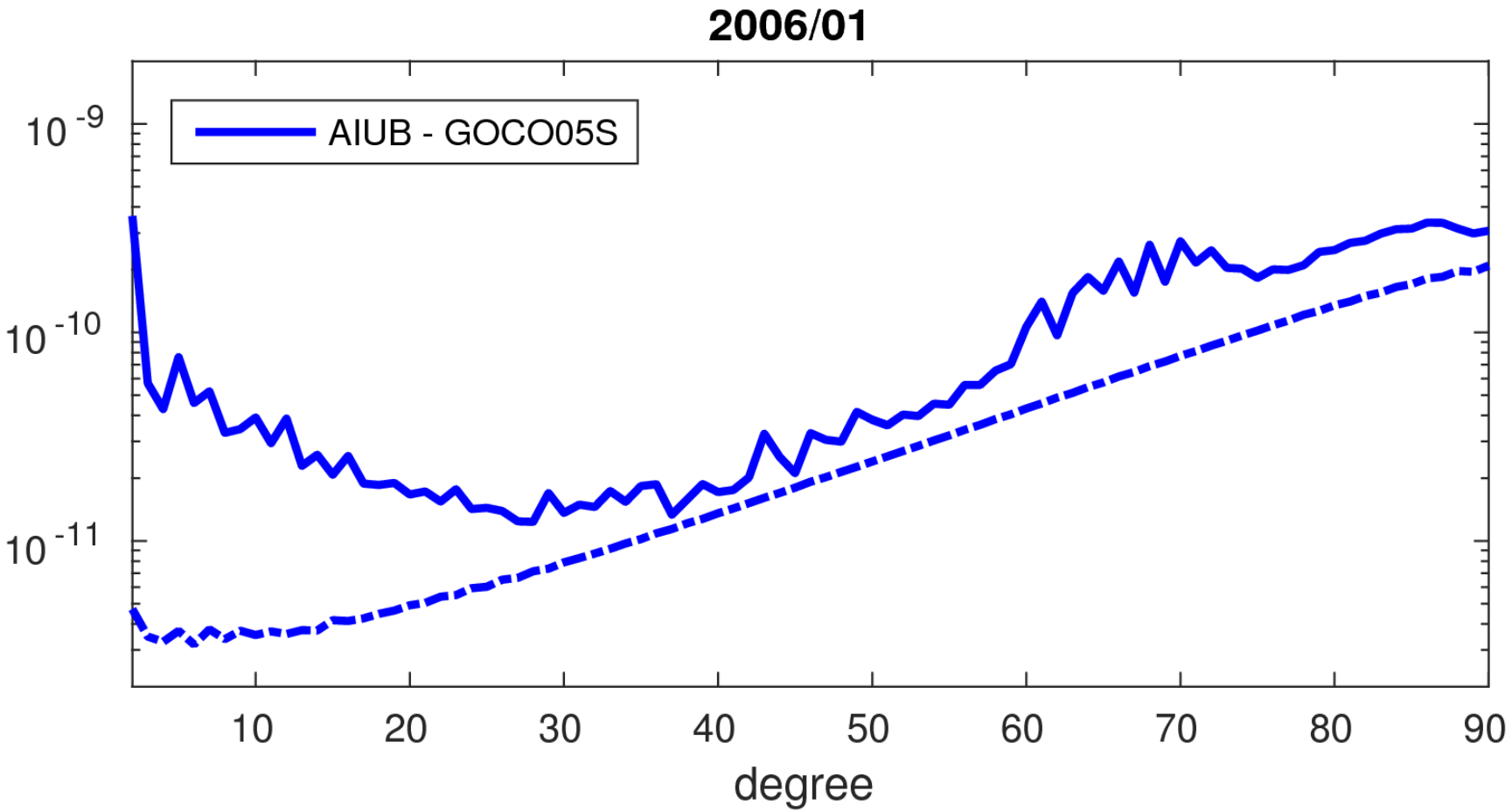

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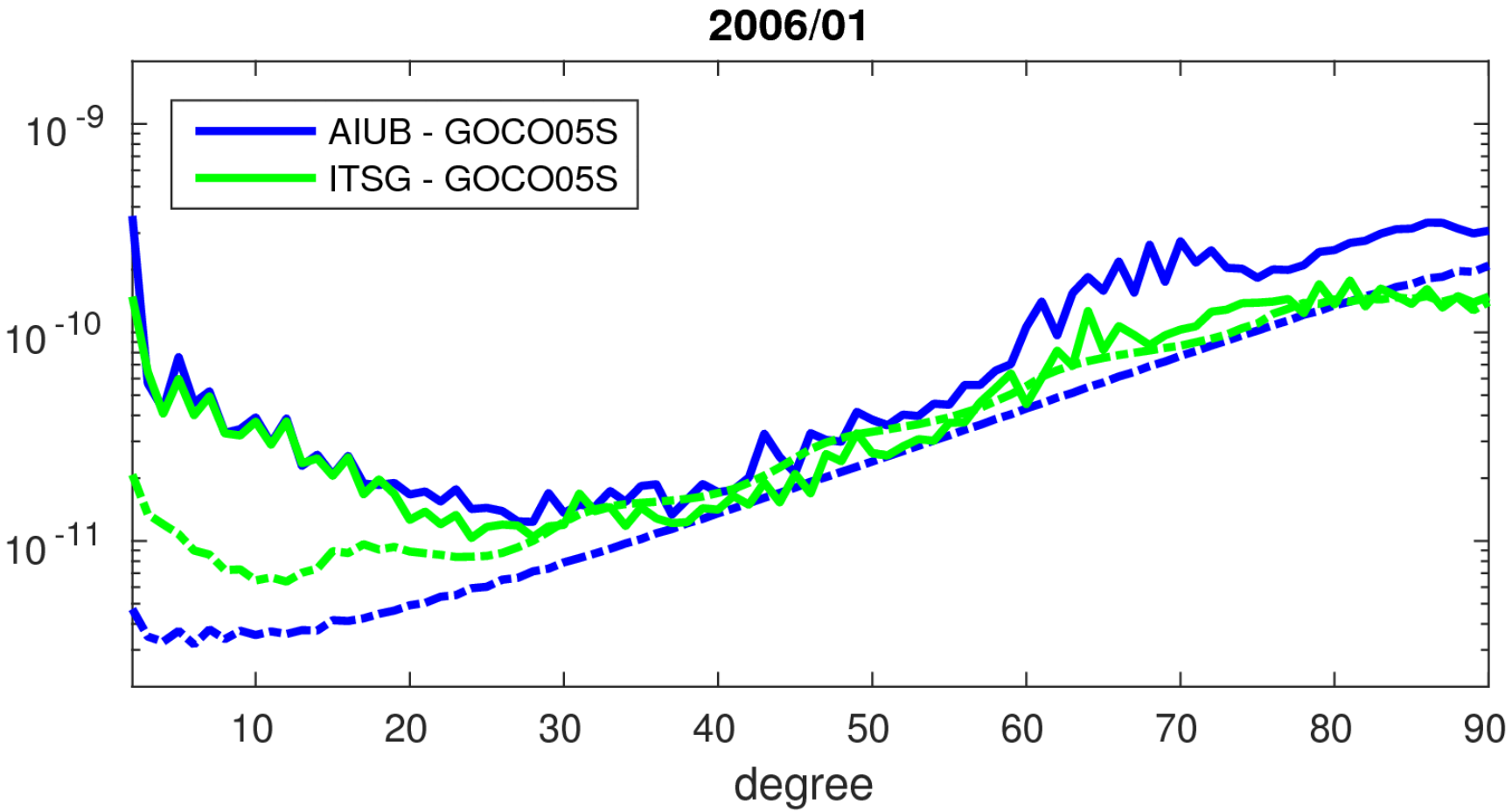

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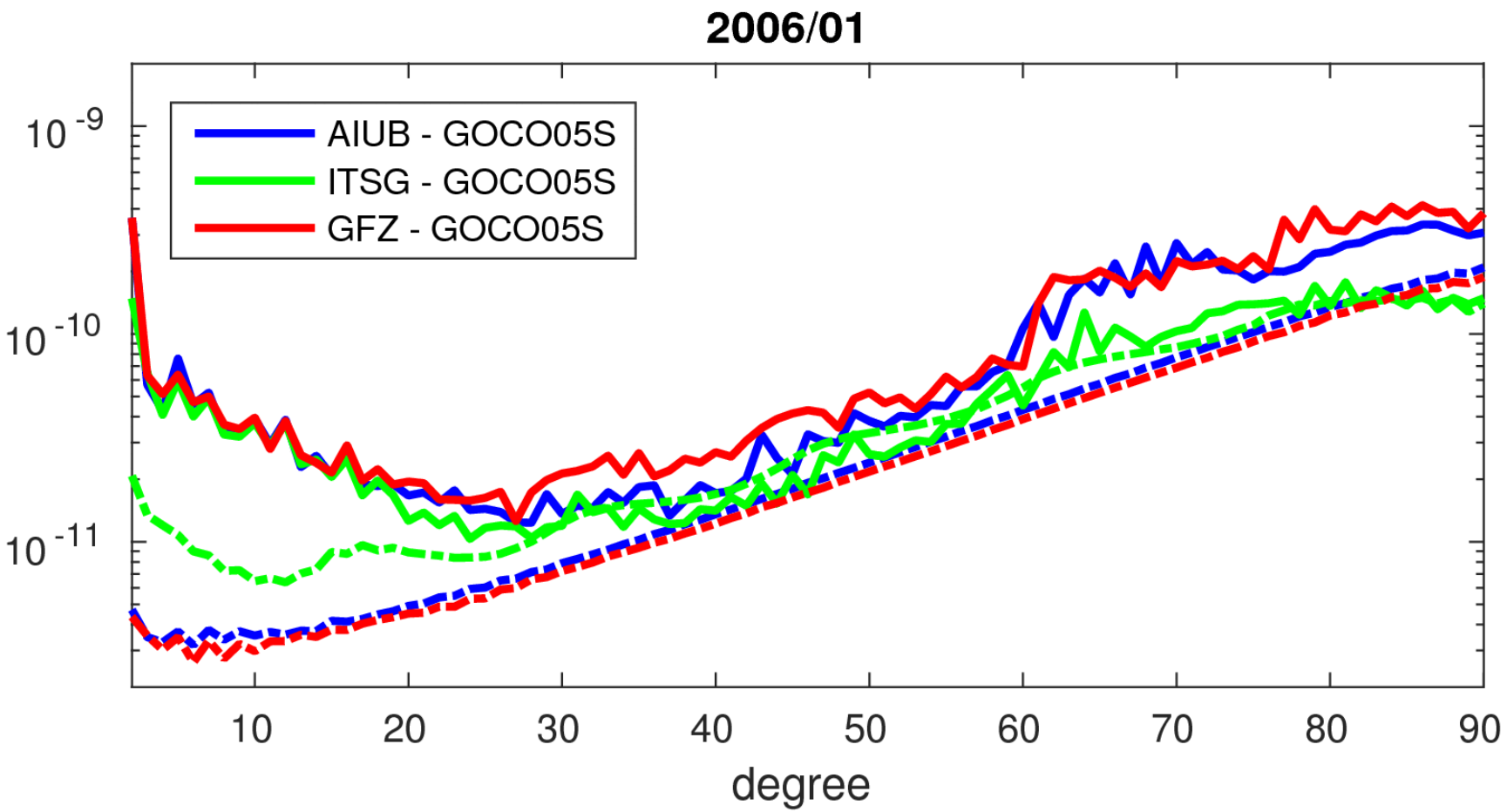

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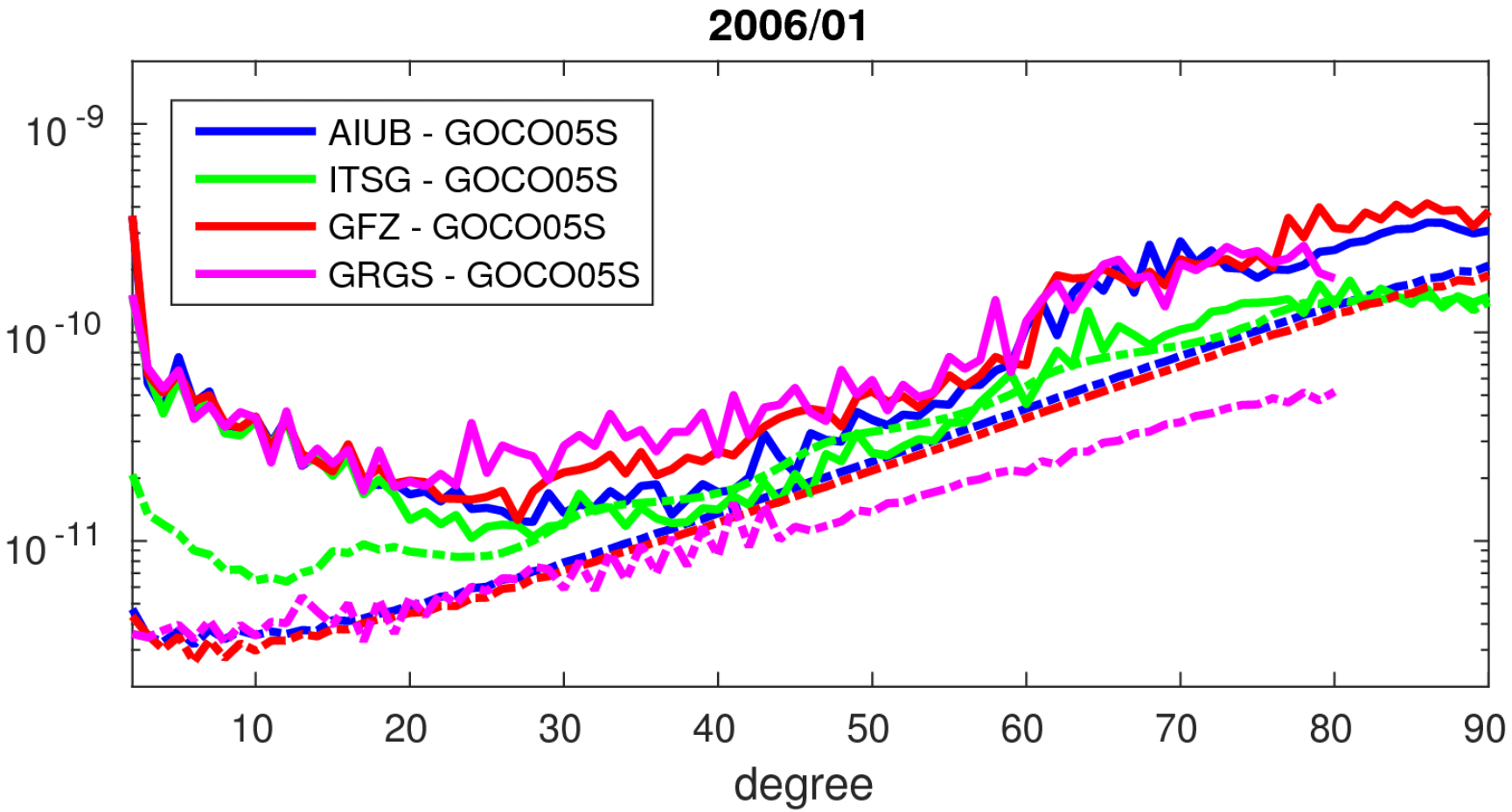

Individual Contributions

Why are formal errors so different?

Formal errors depend on the noise model applied!

Error propagation of kinematic orbits and K-band observations

Optimistic

Realistic (empirical)

Errors of observations: GPS, K-band, accelerometers, star cameras

Errors of background models and de-aliasing: ocean tides, short periodic atmosphere and ocean variations (AOD)

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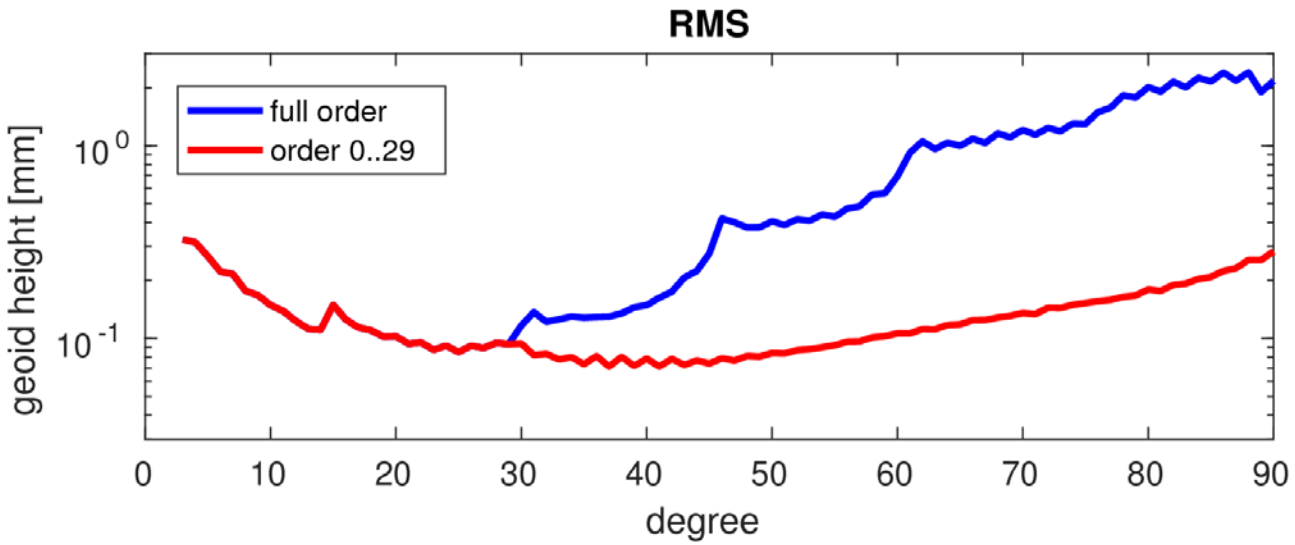

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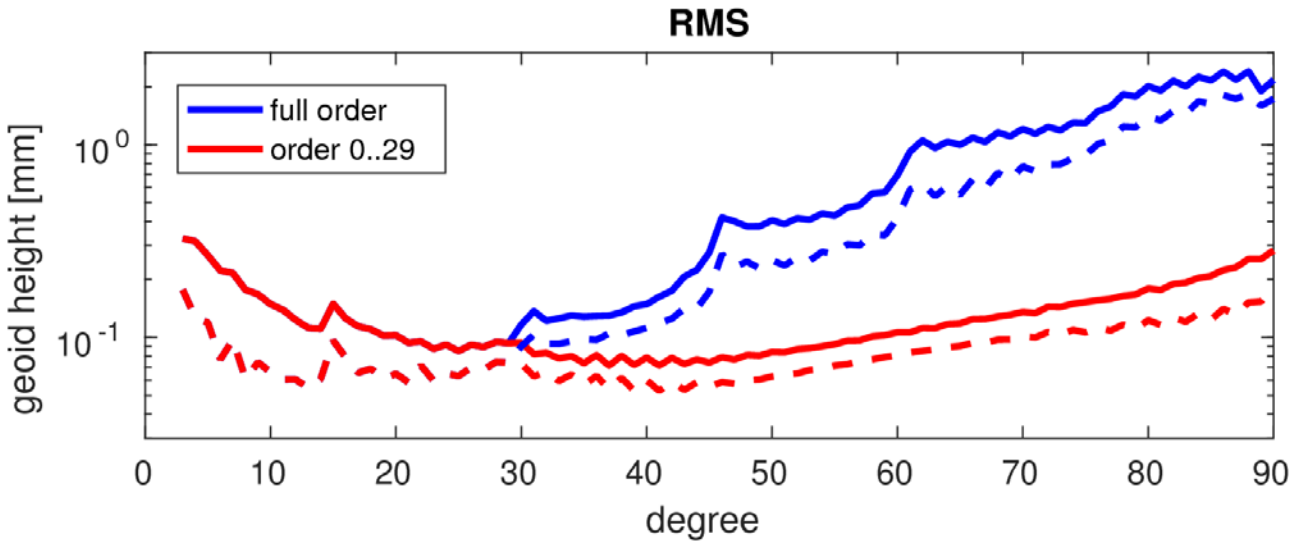

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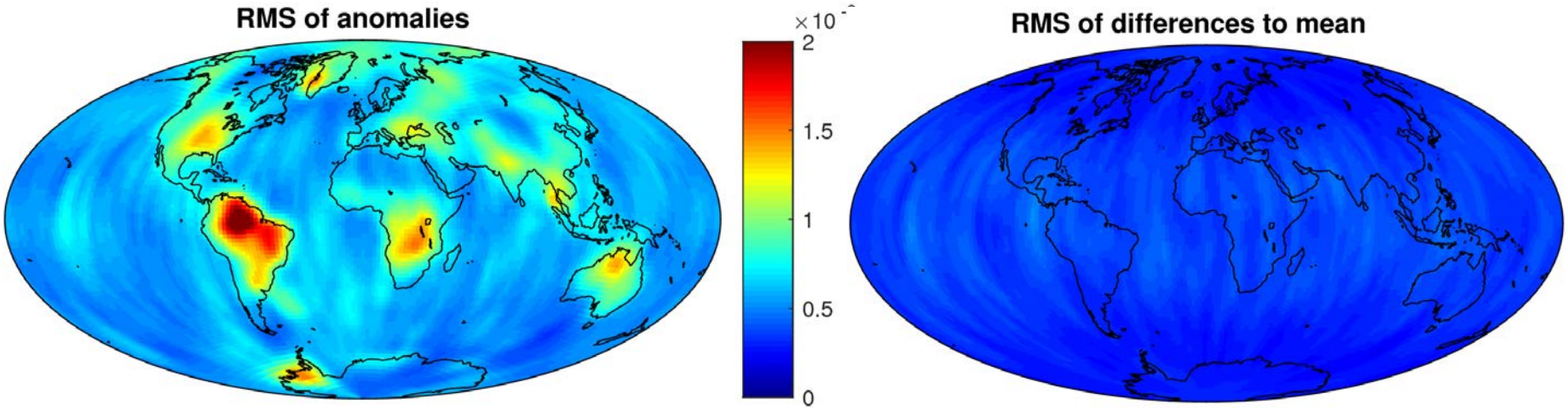

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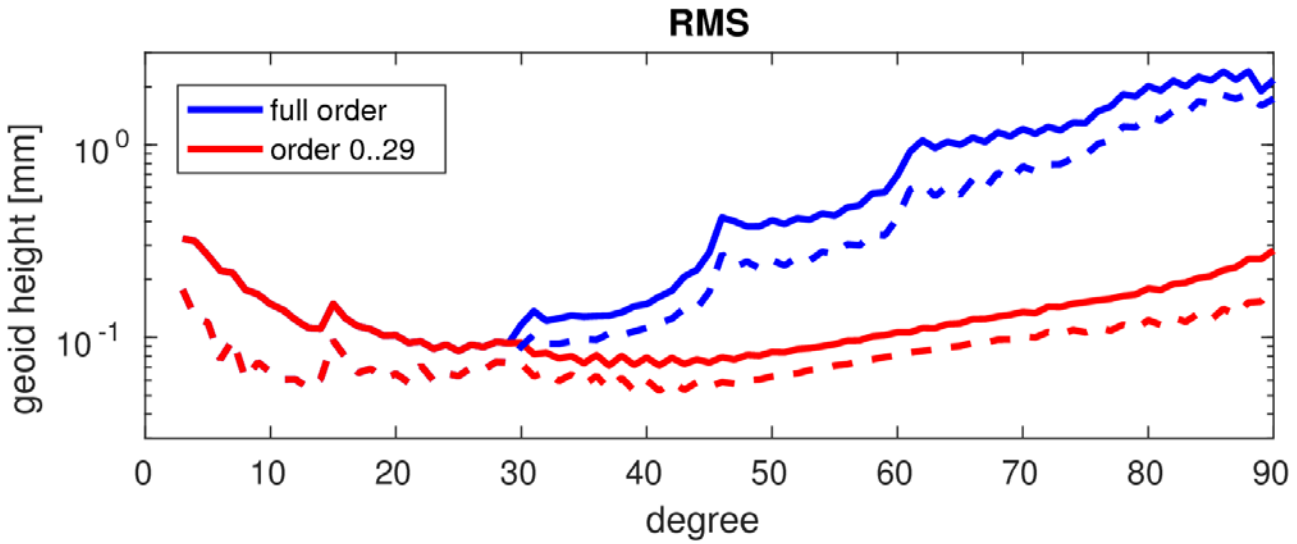
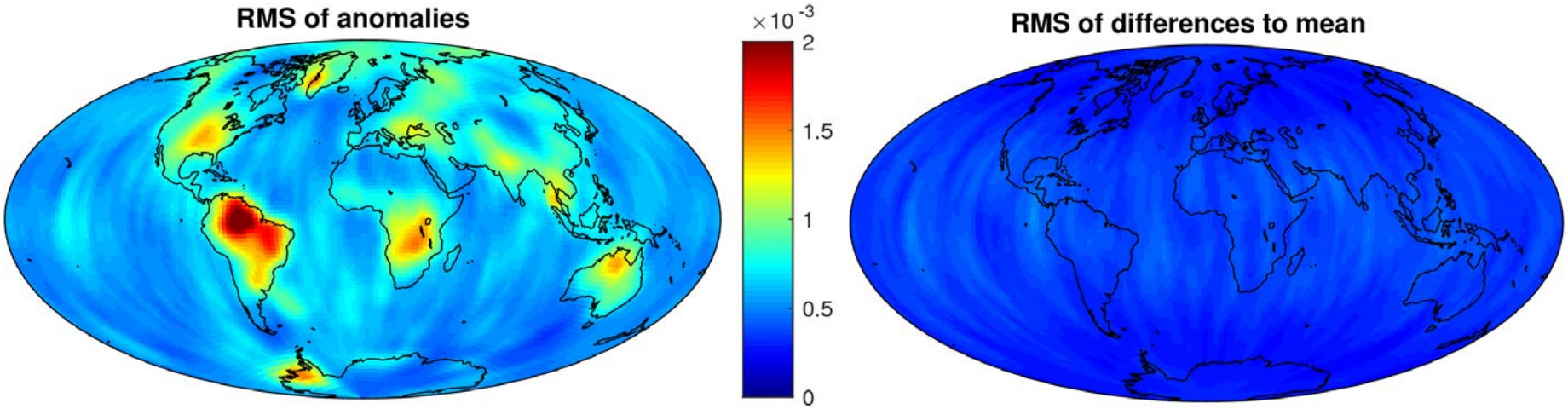
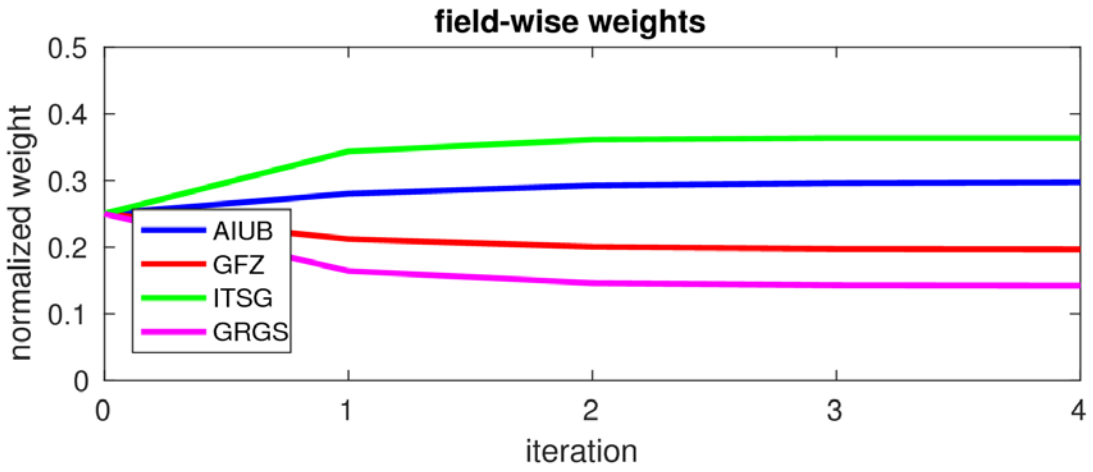


Differences to mean to derive relative weights.

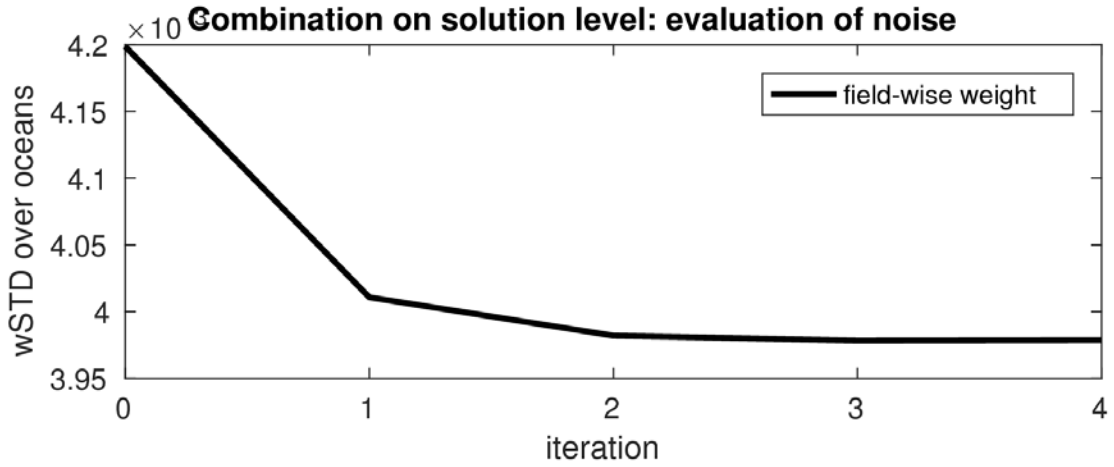
Anomalies over quite regions to indepently assess quality.



Variance component estimation on solution level



Variance component estimation on solution level taking into account all SH coefficients up to degree and order 80 with equal weight.



RMS of anomalies restricted to ocean areas as quality criterion.

Combination on Normal Equation Level

Achieve equal impact of individual contributions on pairwise combinations:

$$(\boldsymbol{N}_{\mathrm{ref}} + w_i \boldsymbol{N}_i)\boldsymbol{dx} = \boldsymbol{b}_{\mathrm{ref}} + w_i \boldsymbol{b}_i$$

The impact is measured by:

$$\mathrm{RMS}_i = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{l,m}(K^{\mathrm{comb}}_{l,m} - K^{i}_{l,m})^2}{n_{\mathrm{coef}}}}$$

Equal impact is achieved for: $\dfrac{\mathrm{RMS}_i}{\mathrm{RMS}_{\mathrm{ref}}} = 1$

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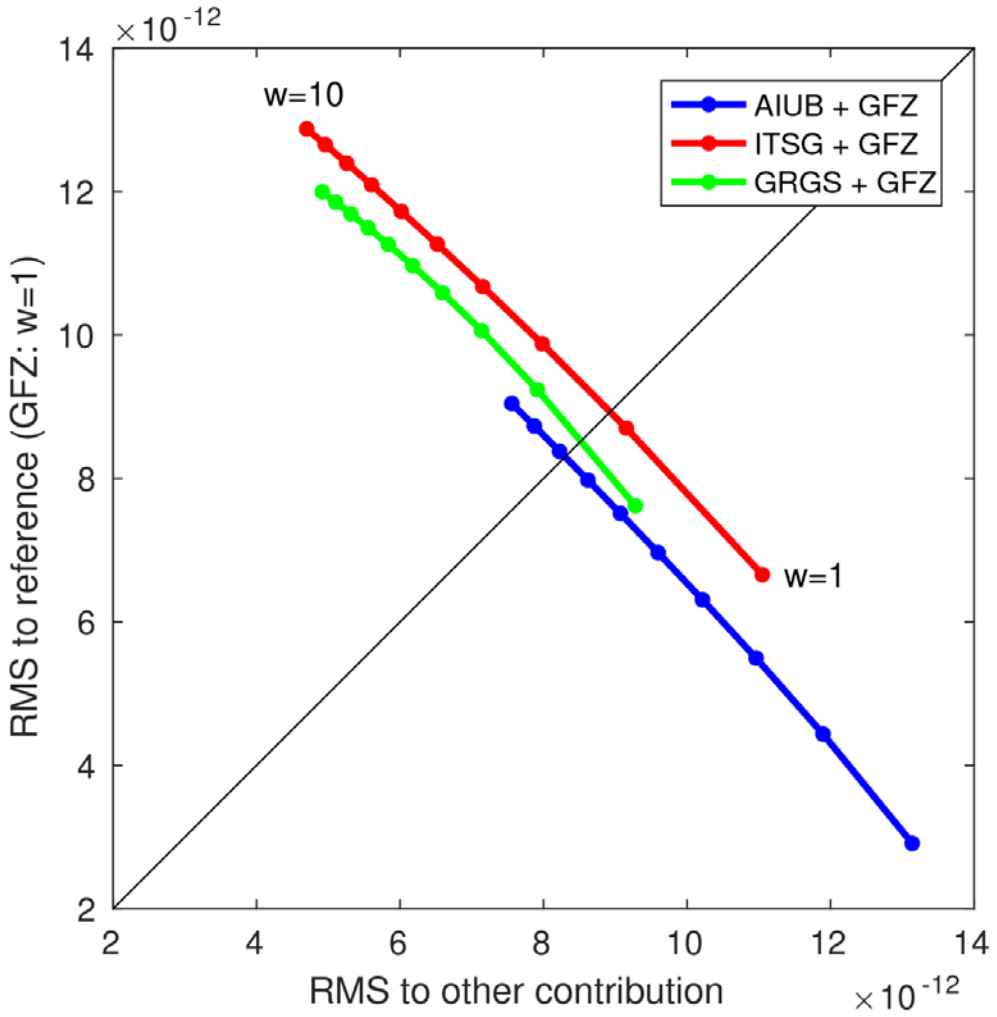

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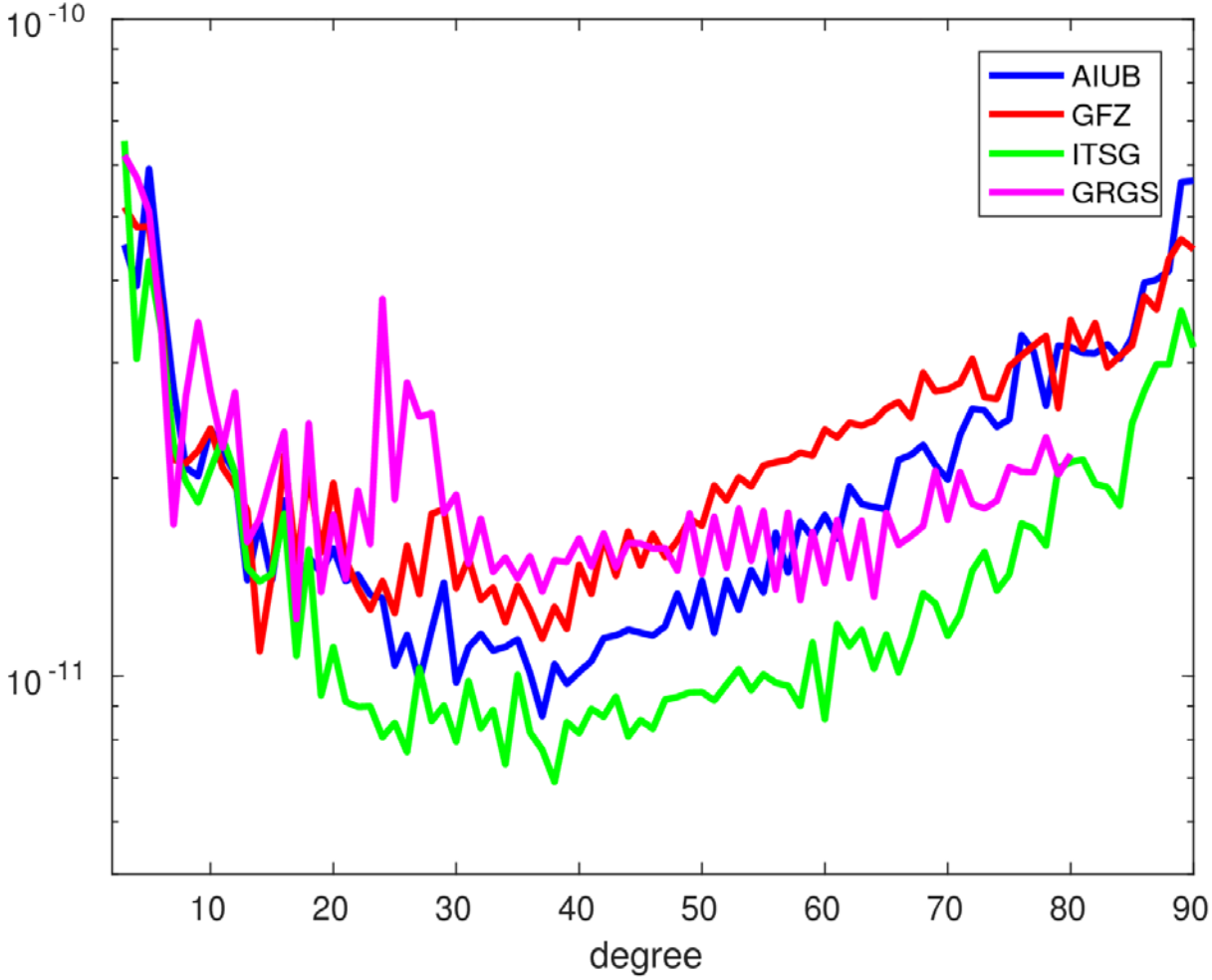

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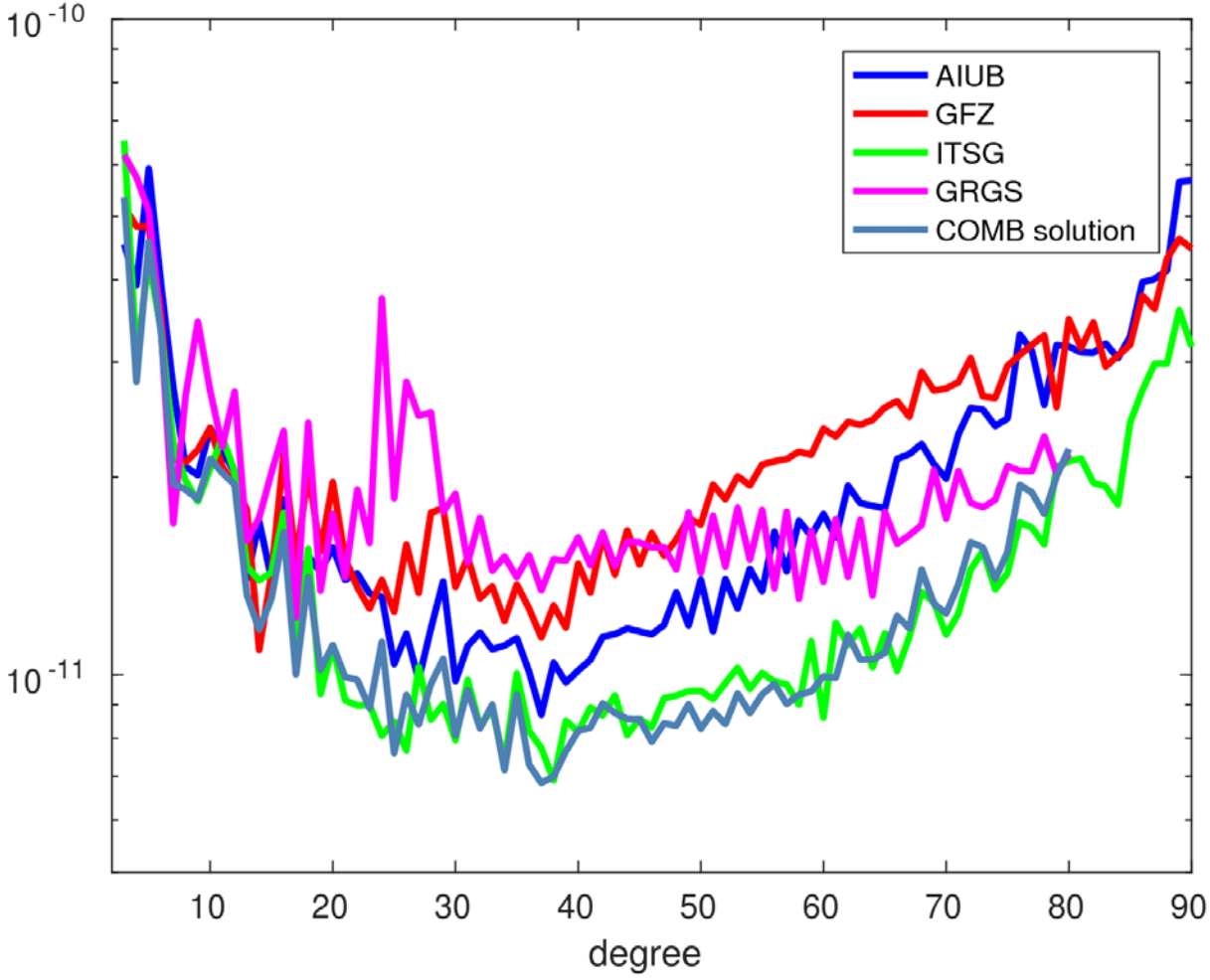

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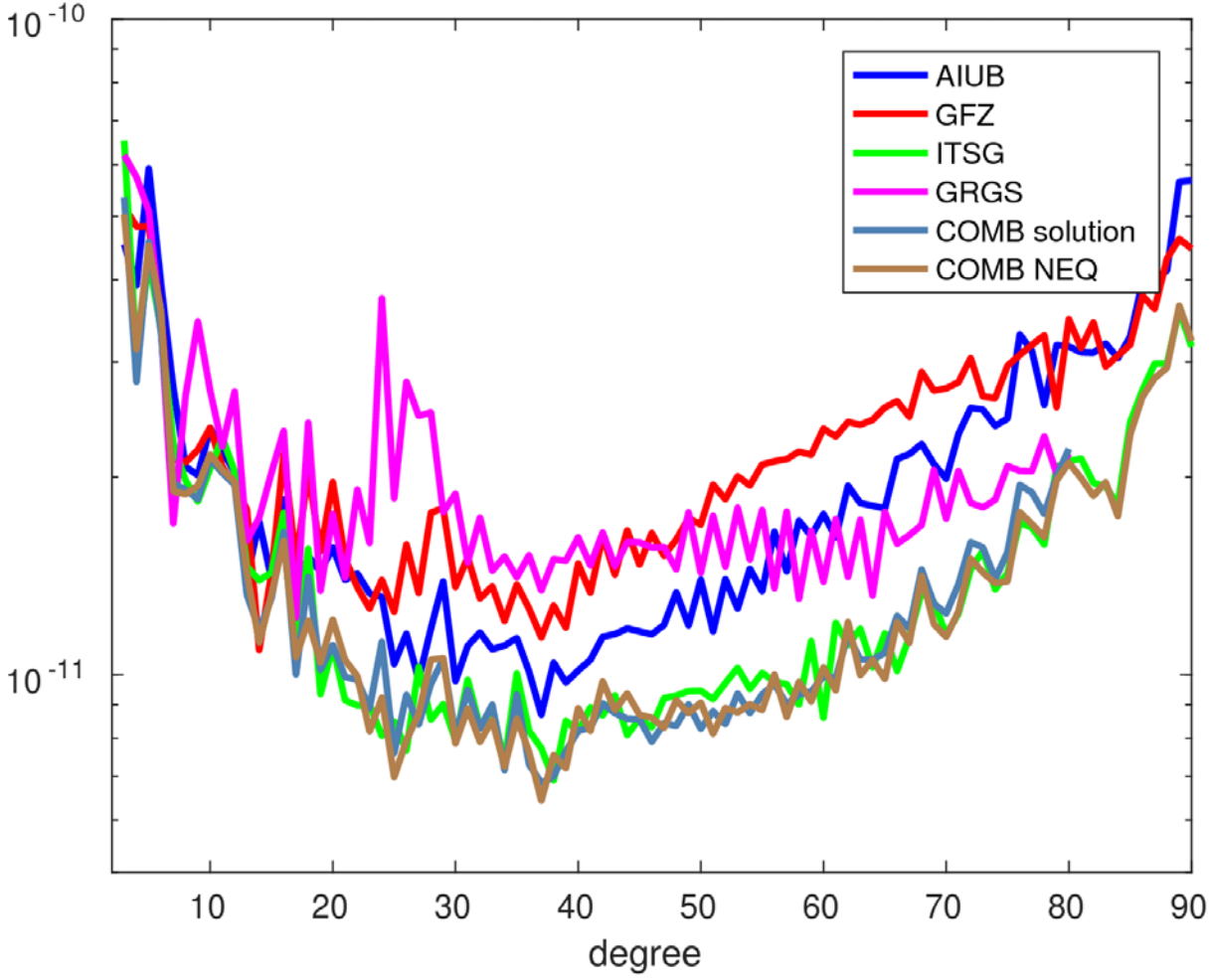

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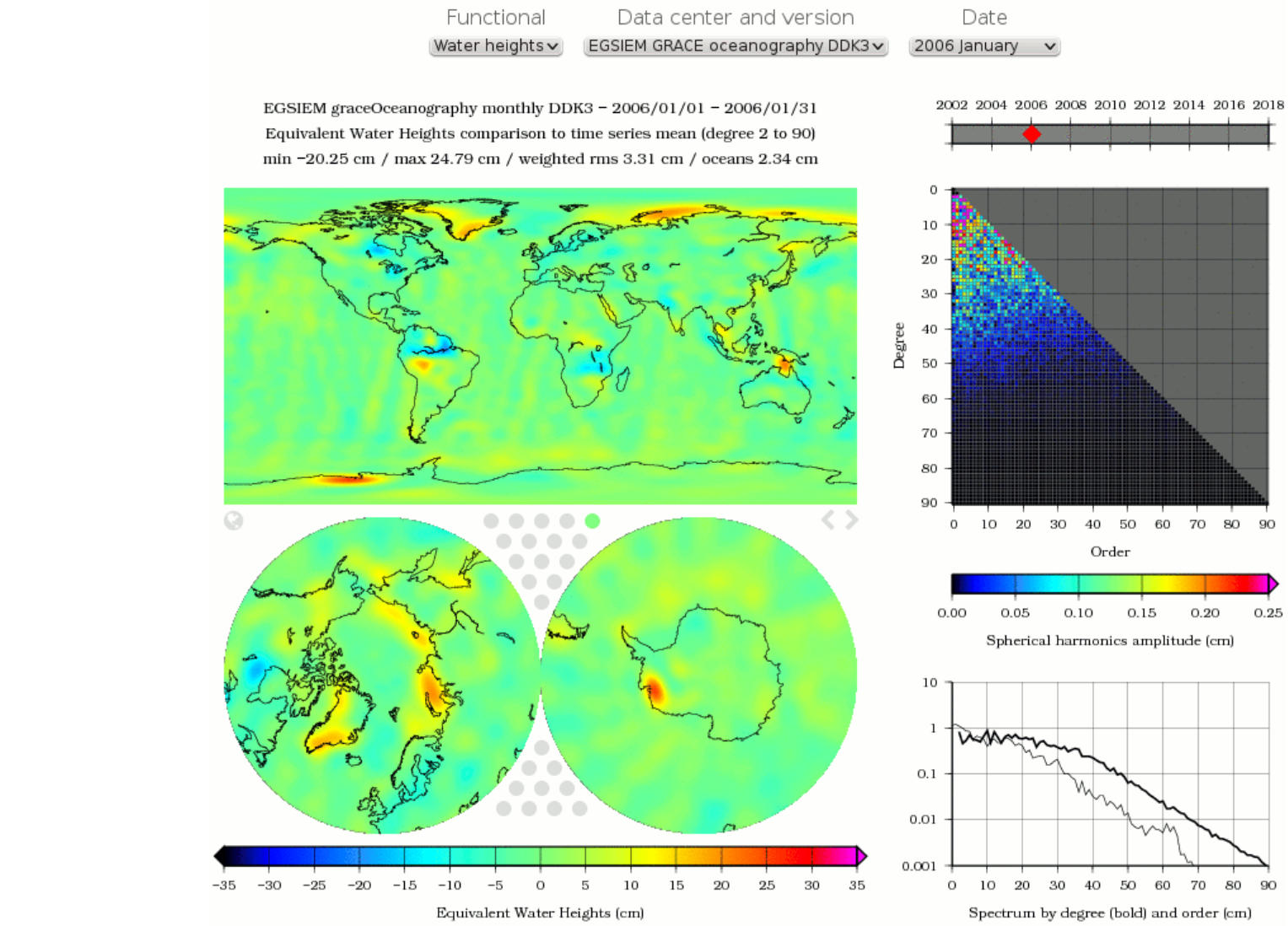

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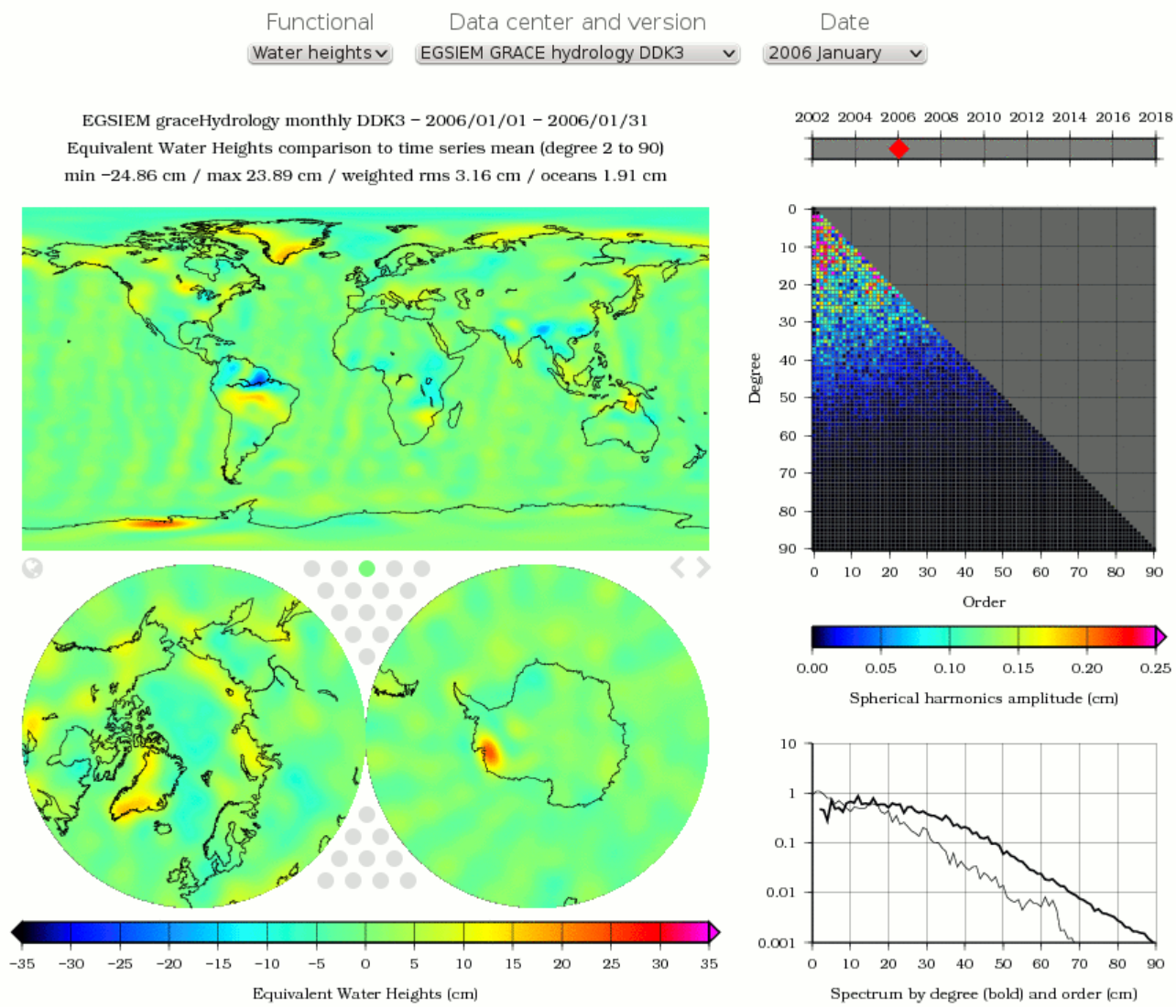

Conclusions

- EGSIEM monthly gravity field combination on NEQ-level is operational.
- Noise assessment by variance component estimation on solution level.
- Relative weigths based on noise levels.
- The EGSIEM combination service provides two test years (2006 + 2007):
  - SH-coefficients (Level-2): www.icgem.de
  - grids and de-aliasing (Level-3): www.egsiem.eu